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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title:	Dow, John Goodchild Papers
ID:	apap243
Date [inclusive]:	1967-1971
Physical Description:	78 cubic ft.
Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material:	English .
Mixed Materials [Collection]:	X
Abstract:	John Goodchild Dow was a U.S. Representative from New York. Dow was an unsuccessful candidate for the New York state legislature in 1954 and 1956 before being elected as a Democrat to the 89th and 90th Congresses (January 3, 1965-January 3, 1969). Dow was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the 91st Congress in 1968, but was elected to the 92nd Congress (January 3, 1971-January 3, 1973) before being an unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the 93rd Congress in 1972, an unsuccessful candidate for election to the 94th Congress in 1974, and an unsuccessful candidate for nomination to the 98th Congress in 1982. Dow died on March 11, 2003, in Suffern New York. His papers contain materials related to his political career.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows: Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, John Goodchild Dow Papers, 1967-1971. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Dow Papers).

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Biographical / Historical

John Goodchild Dow was born in New York City on May 6, 1905, and attended the public schools of Canton, Massachusetts. Dow started at Brown University, but eventually transferred and earned an A.B. from Harvard College in 1927 and an M.A. from Columbia University in 1937. Dow was a systems analyst for large corporations (1929-1964), director of civil defense in Grand View, NY (1950-1964), and chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals in Grand View (1964).

Dow was an unsuccessful candidate for the New York state legislature in 1954 and 1956 before being elected as a Democrat to the 89th and 90th Congresses (January 3, 1965-January 3, 1969). Dow was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the 91st Congress in 1968, but was elected to the 92nd Congress (January 3, 1971-January 3, 1973) before being an unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the 93rd Congress in 1972, an unsuccessful candidate for election to the 94th Congress in 1974, and an unsuccessful candidate for nomination to the 98th Congress in 1982. Dow, was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1968, a staff assistant to the U.S. Congress, assistant director for the New York State Comprehensive Employment Training Act program from 1976 to 1982, and a founder of Americans Against Nuclear War in 1980.

In his spare time, Dow enjoyed dealing and collecting antiques. Dow died on March 11, 2003, in Suffern, NY and was survived by his three children. Dow has a post office named after him in Tappan, New York.

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of materials from John Goodchild Dow's service in Congress, including correspondence, bills, subject files, reports, and press releases.

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Arrangement

The collection is unprocessed and is likely disorganized. Individual items may be difficult to find.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

John Goodchild Dow donated his papers to Syracuse University in 1968-1969 and 1973. In 2006, the papers were transferred to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives. Another donation to the collection was received by the University at Albany in 2014 from John Thomas McAndrew.

Conditions Governing Access

Access to this collection is restricted because it is unprocessed. Portions of the collection may contain recent administrative records and/or personally identifiable information. While it is likely that portions of the collection may be viewed, access must be managed by an archivist.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Dow, John G. (John Goodchild), 1905-2003
- Politics and Politicians

- U. S. Congress